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SUBJECT: MEDITERRANEAN REPORT - DECEMBER 1976 -
APRIL 1977
REF: (A) USNATO 2474 (NOTAL), (B) USNATO 2240 (NOTAL)

1. FINAL VERSION OF THE SPRING MEDITERRANEAN REPORT (C-M(77)23(FINAL)) HAS BEEN CIRCULATED BY SYG LUNS. IT WILL BE NOTED BY MINISTERS UNDER AGENDA ITEM III (B) AT NATO SUMMIT/MINISTERIAL. WITH EXCEPTION OF RELATIVELY MINOR ADDITIONS AND SUBSTITUTIONS RESULTING FROM COUNCIL DISCUSSION ON APRIL 27 (REF A), REPORT IS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS THAT FORWARDED IN REF B.
2. WE WILL SEND COPIES OF C-M(77)23(FINAL) TO LONDON FOR MR. ALLEN HOLMES OF EUR/RPM UPON HIS ARRIVAL FOR SUMMIT NAC.
3. WE NOTE BELOW THE CHANGES IN THE REPORT:

--PARA 9: A PERIOD HAS BEEN PLACED AFTER THE WORD "SYRIA"
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IN LINE 5, AND THE FOLLOWING NEW SENTENCE HAS BEEN ADDED: "RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE IN FACT SOMEWHAT IMPROVED IN THE WAKE OF ASSAD'S VISIT TO MOSCOW EARLY IN APRIL 1977."

--PARA 13: A FOOTNOTE HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE END OF THE PARAGRAPH NOTING THAT "AFTER HIS VISIT TO MOSCOW, MR.

HUSSEIN WENT TO ANKARA ON 2ND AND 3RD FEBRUARY".

--PARA 16: THE SECOND SENTENCE HAS BEEN REPLACED BY
"THE NUMBER OF SURFACE COMBATANTS DECLINED TOWARDS THE
END OF THE PERIOD".

--PARA 22(I): AT THE END OF THE SUBPARAGRAPH HAS BEEN
ADDED A NEW SENTENCE: "AS STATED IN EARLIER REPORTS,
THESE DELIVERIES ARE IN EXCESS OF WHAT THE LIBYAN FORCES
CAN USE".

--PARA 22(III): DRAFT TEXT HAS BEEN REPLACED BY "RELA-
TIONS WITH EGYPT, WHICH HAD IMPROVED, HAVE BEEN MARKED
AGAIN BY FRESH TENSION SINCE MARCH".

--PARA 23: THE FINAL SENTENCE HAS BEEN REPLACED BY:
"WORTHY OF NOTE IS THAT A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE VISIT
MOSCOW DELIVERED A NUMBER OF MIG-21S TO
SYRIA FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE JUNE 1976 (9)".

--PARA 38: A NEW SENTENCE HAS BEEN ADDED AT THE END OF
THE PARAGRAPH: "THIS QUESTION, OF COURSE, REQUIRES THE
CLOSEST ATTENTION".

--ANNEX I, NOTE 9: THE LAST SENTENCE HAS BEEN REPLACED
BY: "WITH REGARD TO ASSAD'S VISIT TO MOSCOW, THE TEXT OF
THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE SUGGESTS THAT THE SOVIETS
HAVE AGREED TO SUPPLY THE SYRIANS WITH ADDITIONAL ARMS
AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE". BENNETT

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